



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines, a look at recycling news in the Commonwealth and across the nation. We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Had a successful collection event? Have a recycling problem? Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

2006 Legislative Update

HB 647 Passed and signed by Governor – becomes effective July 1, 2006

15% and 25% minimum recycling rates established for Virginia localities based upon population density and unemployment rate.

HB 448 Passed and signed by Governor – becomes effective July 1, 2006

Litter and Recycling grants formula changed to return 90% of collected taxes to localities for their programs each year, with 5% set aside for special projects, and up to 5% for grants program administrative costs.

April is Electronics Recycling Month in Virginia

The Computer Recycling Initiative (CRI) and the Virginia Recycling Association (VRA) are joining forces in April in the first Virginia statewide initiative to educate people about the importance of recycling electronics.

Old style televisions and computer monitors used cathode ray tubes which contained as much as 8 pounds of lead. Flat screen TVs and monitors contain mercury. The VRA has list of recycling events taking place throughout the state. Go to: <http://www.vrarecycles.org/electronics.htm>

Big Blue – The Custom Built Recycling Machine

Electronic Systems, Inc has a plant in Hanover County. Inside the warehouse is a custom built machine that recycles electronics such as computer motherboards and hard drives, cell phones and DVD players. Big Blue ensures that the information contained in the computers is destroyed and that the scrap material that is gathered from the computers is made available to manufacturers to use in new products.

Virginia law allows each locality to prohibit or place limits on what electronics may be accepted at the landfill provided that the locality has an established e-cycling program.

For information about e-cycling programs in your area, contact your local litter prevention and recycling manager. <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/contactlist.html>

Did You Know?

- ✓ Smyth County is holding their Annual Telephone Book Recycling Drive April 7 – 22. (276) 783-3298.
- ✓ Capital Fiber, a materials recovery facility (MRF) in Springfield, has tours available for middle and high school groups who are interested in learning more about the recycling process. To schedule a tour, contact Carol Swift at 703-324-5288
- ✓ The Jacksonville Center for the Arts in Floyd is hosting an art show where the medium is recycled materials. The show runs from March 4 – April 23. For more information call 540-745-2784 or email jeri@jacksonvillecenter.org
- ✓ The Old Dominion Chapter of SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) and the Virginia Recycling Association (VRA) co-sponsored a one day recycling training workshop. The event was held at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville on March 20. Contact Pamela Gratton at 703-324-5230 or Pamela.gratton@fairfaxcounty.gov

Environment Virginia 2006

The annual Environment Virginia Symposium will be held in Lexington at the Virginia Military Institute on April 18 – 20.

The purpose of Environment Virginia is to bring government and businesses together in a cooperative partnership to discuss the Commonwealth's environment and propose solutions for environmental issues. This years' theme is "Linking Economic and Environmental Health: It's Everybody's Business."

For more information go to: <http://www.environmentva.org/>

Web Links of Interest

- ✓ http://www.vb.gov.com/dept/pw/vgn_files/wasteandrecycling/brochurerev121605.pdf
- ✓ www.recyclebulbs.com/tbbb.html
- ✓ <http://www.madisoncountyrecycles.com/>
- ✓ <http://www.recycle.net>

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